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AUTO BLAMED AS CONTRIBUTING CAUSE OF VICE

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 5.—Together with the use of intoxicating liquor, poorly lighted parks and lack of public amusement and recreation facilities, the automobile was held as one of the greatest contributory causes of commercialized vice in a report filed today with the secretary of state by the legislative anti-vice committee.

Recommendations Made: Among the recommendations of the committee are: That a law similar to the Mann act, applicable between cities, villages and towns of the state, be enacted.

Prohibit Liquor Sale: Facilities for the treatment of social and other diseases and that women convicted of immoral practices be committed thereto for treatment and training.

Lodging House Licenses: That all hotels, rooming and lodging houses be required to secure licenses; that they keep permanent registers of the names of all guests.

That women be on the board of all institutions to which women or children are committed.

That besides three classes, special classes for abnormal pupils, in the public school, and that where necessary the state furnish free text books, meals and clothing to needy children.

That municipalities provide supervised amusements, particularly concerts, moving picture shows, etc.

That number of hours of labor for domestic servants be fixed by law.

Bills have been incorporated for enforcing all the legislation proposed.

PORTUGUESE CABINET RESIGNS IN A BODY: LONDON, Dec. 5.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company from Lisbon says that all the members of the Portuguese cabinet resigned today in a body.

A Strange Woman: Mme. Winterroth, clairvoyant and palmist, is now giving readings at the Colonial Plaza, Riverside.

WHY NOT?

FOLLOWING the successful and pleasing rendition of Swedish folk games in native costumes by the pupils of the Roosevelt school, the Mail Tribune suggests that the other schools of the city be drilled in the folk games of other nations and that the combined schools present the folk games of the nations as an annual feature of Medford's rose and flower show at the close of the school year.

The folk games have an undoubted educational value for the children, physically and artistically, familiarizing them with the primitive melodies, pastimes and dress of the various lands from which the composite we call American, traces descent, and constitute a welcome break in the monotony of school drudgery for the pupils.

There are nations enough to furnish an unending variety of folk games, folk melodies and folk lore for an indefinite number of schools for an indefinite number of years. Such an annual production would be of great benefit to the pupils, to the general public and to the city itself, drawing people from all parts of the state to witness a most unique production—a folk lore festival of children.

NEW YORK'S GREAT INDUSTRY

WHENEVER news is dull in New York the newspapers attack William Jennings Bryan. He has been a shining target for nearly twenty years and has thrived exceedingly thereby. In fact, the principal reliable, lean year and fat year industry of the metropolitan press has been assailing the great commoner.

Every idea championed by Mr. Bryan has in turn been derided, ridiculed and lampooned. Although many of the theories championed by Bryan, such as tariff reduction, initiative and referendum, direct primaries, trust-busting, currency reform and prohibition have become actualities, and others, such as government ownership, are receiving respectful attention, care is taken to withhold credit from the Nebraskan.

Bryan's virtues are written upon the sands for New Yorkers. His faults are electric sign boards. The great part he has played in forming public opinion, his work for political and social reforms, his crowning achievement in peace treaties with all the great nations of the world, are all too little for the provincial minds of Gotham to grasp alongside of a grape juice dinner or a Chautauqua lecture.

As the presidential election nears, there is a recrudescence of anti-Bryanism in New York. The World, the Herald, the American and other democratic papers, along with the republican press, are assailing the secretary of state on any old excuse to force him out and to discredit him, the latest being that he does not spend all of his time looking after the government's business—while if one-tenth of what is charged is true, the more he is absent the better it will be for the nation.

There seems no reason for complaint regarding the handling of the state department. It has kept the nation out of war, at any rate, which is more than European diplomacy accomplished at home. It has efficiently handled the interests of belligerents all over the world. It has led the relief work in stricken nations. It has made diplomacy a useful instead of a purely ornamental occupation. Where is the neglect?

The truth is that Wall street and the predatory trusts fear Bryan as a candidate in 1916 and are leaving no stones unturned to shy at his head and drive him out of the list of possibilities.

Tropical Plants for Indoor Winter Garden

(Bulletin U. S. Department of Agriculture.)

With a little care, a number of tropical plants may be grown indoors and during the winter they are a particularly attractive addition to a bay window or conservatory garden. Various kinds of palms, rubber plants, oleanders, aspidistras, and cacti are easily kept in good condition indoors if given the proper attention and not permitted to be exposed to frost, according to the department of agriculture's horticulturists.

Palms.—Palms are much used for interior decorations where there is no direct sunlight. Regular watering is essential, with especial care not to overwater. It is better with most palms to keep them a little dry than too wet. Where a pot is in a jardiniere especial care must be exercised not to have them too wet.

While small, wash the foliage occasionally with soap suds made from a good soap. Immediately follow with a thorough rinsing. When too large for this, spray the tops frequently with clear water.

Browning at the tips usually comes from trouble at the roots—first, overwatering; second, worms on the roots; third, lack of plant food. The first is the trouble in nearly every case. The worm that gave the trouble is not the ordinary earth worm, but a little white, harmless-looking creature that emerges into the air as a small fly. Dissolve a piece of quicklime as big as a teaspoon in three gallons of water. After it is through sputtering and the milky mixture has cleared, pour off the clear part and soak your soil with it. Do not dilute, for the soaking should be thorough.

To provide plant food, stir small quantities of bone meal and wood ashes into the surface or in place of ordinary watering occasionally use

manure water or ammonia water (a teaspoonful of ammonia to a quart of water). Trim off the brown tips, as they will never recover. If the leaves turn yellow, look for scale on the under side and be sure you are not overwatering. Wash the scale off or spray with kerosene emulsion or whale oil soap, or some nicotine preparation.

Do not repeat too often. If a palm grows three new leaves a year it does well.

Rubber Plants.—Rubber plants are especially satisfactory to grow where there is a good light without direct sunlight. Water often enough to keep the soil moist, but do not under any circumstances permit water to stand about the roots nor allow it to become "bone dry." A potted plant set in a jardiniere needs especial care not to overwater.

Wash the foliage frequently with soap suds made from good soap. Rinse thoroughly at once.

Repot occasionally, as the pots become full of roots. Feed once in two to four weeks with dilute nitrate of soda (a heaping teaspoonful dissolved in water) or ammonia water or manure water as described for the palm or some prepared plant food.

Oleanders may be treated more or less as are palms.

Aspidistras are most ornamental. They should be kept rather drier than palms and rubber plants.

Cacti require rather dry sandy soil.

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Three Views of Europe's Great War From Divergent Viewpoints

(Speech by David Lloyd-George.) This is a terrible war. It is a horrible war. All wars are horrible. Who is responsible? Not Great Britain. Britain was only armed for defense. Had we meditated a war of aggression against anybody, do you think we should have to improvise an army after the war began? We were not equipped for a war of aggression; not even against a military power of the third rank. We were prepared for defense against all the military powers of the world put together. We had no army for Continental warfare.

Did the poor victims of the bird of prey commence hostilities? Look back and see what happened. You can see Austria hovering like a hawk over the Balkan fields, and, if you are country-bred, you know what that means. You know it will not be long before it swoops down and some poor helpless creature will be quivering in its talons. The culture has been hanging over Belgium for some time. We know that now. It soared so high that even the most discerning falcon might have made a mistake. It thought it was bouncing on a rabbit, and it fell on a hedgehog and has been bleeding and sore ever since. We know now, what it would have been malevolent to suspect before, that the counsellors of Germany, whilst professing peace and pretending good will, in cold blood, with male aforethought, had intended, planned, organized wholesale the murder of peaceable neighbors, had even arranged the date to suit themselves, a date when they thought their neighbors would be quite unprepared to defend their lives and their homes. If this wanton deed of premeditated treachery against humanity is to pass unchallenged by the nations of the world, then let us admit that civilization is a failure, that the sceptre of right is broken, and that force, force, brute force, is once more enthroned amongst the nations.

If Britain after passing her word had left that little country (Belgium) bleeding on the roadside without attempting to rescue her, the infamy of Germany would be shared by the British Empire.

We have been assailed by another national exponent of the higher culture—Turkey. I notice the same characteristics, the same contempt for the elements, for the decencies of international war. We did our best to avoid a quarrel. No one could have shown more patience in the face of insults and injuries than I could detail to you by the hour. This Great Britain did in the face of the treatment which was accorded to us by this miserable, wretched, contemptible Empire on the Bosphorus. But the quarrel has been taken out of our hands. We were in the hands of fate, and the hour has struck on the great clock of destiny for settling accounts with the Turk. The Turk is the greatest enemy of his own faith because he has discredited it by misgovernment. What have the Turks contributed either to culture, to art, or to any aspect of human progress than you can think of? They are a human cancer, a creeping agony in the flesh of the lands which they misgoverned, and rotting every fibre of life. And now that the great day of reckoning has come upon the nation I am glad. I am glad the Turk is to be called to a final account for his long record of infamy against humanity in this gigantic battle between right and wrong. It is meet that the Turks should march into action shoulder to shoulder with the devastator of Belgium. They have made themselves fit comrades. The

George Bernard Shaw (Interview by Mary Bosie O'Reilly) England is not at war because Germany made an 'infamous proposal' to violate Belgian neutrality," began Mr. Shaw. "If it had suited us to accept that proposal, we would have found plenty of reasons. The England that grabbed Ireland, India and Egypt cannot delude the Germany of Wilhelm II. Our national trick of sanctimonious indignation is simple hypocrisy. Let us therefore drop it. 'The Junker caste of Germany is no better, no worse, than the Junker caste of England. Commanding troops is the only aristocratic profession. The German people hate the military caste as do the English people—and for the same reasons. 'In both armies the soldiers should shoot their officers and go home, agriculturist to his land and the townsman to his painting and glazing. 'England and Germany are a couple of extremely quarrelsome dogs gripped in a bitter determination to do a rival incurable mischief. Each has the same pretension to naval or military supremacy, the same instinct for empire, the same creed of force and of arrogant hypocrisy. 'Welt-macht oder Niedergang' (Empire or Downfall), says the Prussian war party. 'World Dominion or Ruin,' says the English Jingo.

'Each holds the other a great robber state. England today holds one-fifth of the globe merely by priority of robbery. Britishers believe Germany a country that wants restraining. With England destroyed, Germany would burst into world dominion. Therefore England's mission in the world is to destroy Germany. 'We must never forget that as an unpopular and ill-mannered nation, our existence depends on our being prepared to fight the entire human race. 'While we so waste and degrade human life that the residuum of unemployables runs into millions, the less said about the horrors of making a man a soldier the better. Our industrial chaos murders more souls in a year of political peace than any military system murders men in war. 'Destroying a town is very good for trade, but I cannot conceive even a military commander giving orders to destroy a Louvain. It is to their credit that the burners of Louvain were madly drunk.

'It is a simple fact that we can replace men, but we cannot replace beautiful buildings. If you really make an end of the Louvains, you make an end of human society. 'When French investors have lost the eight billions they loaned Russia; when the czar's government is bankrupt; when England's credit is desperately shaken, and German industries are wrecked, the United States of America will push forward unburdened. Americans will be leaders tomorrow; for Europe must breed men from the men of the last reserve!'

ravagers of Armenia and the desolators of Flanders. The Turk of the East, and the Turk of the West, both ruthless military Empires with only one god, and that is violence. Their downfall will bring gladness, security, and peace to a world which for generation has been oppressed and darkened by their grim presence.

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Crown Prince Frederick William (Copyrighted interview by United Press.) 'Undoubtedly this is the stupidest, most senseless, most unnecessary war of modern times. 'It is a war Germany did not want I can assure you, but it was forced on us, and the fact that we were so effectually prepared to defend ourselves is now being used as an argument to convince the world that we desired a conflict. 'I am a soldier and therefore cannot discuss politics, but it seems to me that this whole business, all this action that you see around here, is senseless, unnecessary and uncalled for. 'But Germany was left on choice in the matter. From the lowest to the highest we all know we are fighting for our existence. 'I know that soldiers of other nations probably say and that a great many of them probably think the same thing. This does not alter the fact, however, that we actually are fighting for our national life. war was to be forced on us, it became our highest duty to anticipate the struggle by every necessary and possible preparation for the defense of the Fatherland against the iron ring which the enemy has been carefully and steadily welding about us for years. 'The fact that we foresaw and as far as possible forestalled the attempt to crush us within this ring and were prepared to defend ourselves is now being used as an argument in an attempt to convince the world that we not only wanted conflict but are responsible for it. 'No power on earth will ever be able to convince our people that this war was not engineered solely and wholly with a view to crushing the German people, their government, their institutions and all they hold dear. 'As a result you will find the German people one grand unit, imbued

with a magnificent spirit of self-sacrifice."

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